(b) whether these norms are being applied and followed in the planning and allocation of funds for (i) Thermal Power Projects namely Dholpur Thermal Power Project and Suratgarh Thermal Power Projects in Rajasthan; (ii) extension of drinking water facilities in DHANIS and MAJARAS in Rajasthan on primary basis and (iii) universalisation of elementary education amongst desert and tribal districts etc. in Rajasthan; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the corrective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The broad principles for allocation of Central Assistance to the States including Rajasthan are (i) population size (ii) Per Capita Income (iii) Special development problems etc. The allocation for heads/sub-heads of development including power, education and water supply are made in consultation with the State Governments including Rajasthan keeping in view factors such as plan priorities, availability of resources, need for early completion of on-going projects, maximisation of benefits, environmental considerations, removal of regional imbalances etc. While funds are specially earmarked for some specific power and irrigation projects, Minimum Needs Programme and also for some other important sectors of development like Agriculture, RD etc., provision for individual schemes is made by the concerned State Governments within the overall approved outlay.

Supply of essential commodities through Fair Price Shops

130. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to supply all essential commodities through Fair Price Shops particularly refined oil, washing soap, good quality rice etc.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether fair price shops are proposed to be opened in the rural areas like urban areas;

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government contemplate to exercise any checks on the quality of commodities being distributed through Public Distribution System; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMMED): (a) and (b) Key essential commodities, *viz.* wheat, rice, kerosene, levy sugar, imported edible oils and soft coke are supplied by the Central Government to State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations, who in turn arrange for their distribution to consumers. The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations are free to distribute additional items of mass consumption, taking into account local preferences etc.

(c) and (d) The ratio of Fair Price Shops in rural and urban areas in the country is about 3:1. The strengthening and streamlining of the Public Distribution System (PDS) is a continual process. The Central Government has been advising State Governments/UT Administrations, among other things, to expand PDS outlets in uncovered/ undercovered areas.

(e) Central Government makes available foodgrains of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) within Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA) Standards to States/Uts. Similarly, the other PDS items conforming to suitable standards of quality are allotted to them. The State Governments/ UT Administrations, who primarily

implement the PDS, undertake, on a regular basis, monitoring and inspections of the working of the PDS, including the quality of the items distributed through it.

Poor performance by Pepsi Joint Venture

131. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Poor performance of Joint venture Pepsi, PAIC at loggerheads" published in the Indian Express, New Delhi, on the 15th August, 1991;

(b) what is the place where the Research Centre has been set up;

(c) what are the reasons for Punjab Agro to say no to Zahura in this regard; and

(d) what is the nature of research proposed to be carried on there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) M/s Pepsi Foods Pvt. Ltd. have informed that they have constructed buildings for housing the laboratory and its offices for the Agro Research Centre in their factory complex in village Zahura, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab and are in the process of selecting 40 acres of land for the experimental fields. M/s Punjab Agro Industries Corporation has informed that in view of non-availability of adequate land at Zahura plant, and the Research Centre being an independent component be located outside the fruit and vegetable processing plant. They have also informed that a suitable site in this regard is being identified in Distt. Hoshiarpur|Jullundur closer to the Fruit and Vegetable Plant so that interaction between the Agro Research Centre and the Processing Plant is maintained.

(d) The research projects to be undertaken at the centre are:—

1. Extending experiments in deep soil cultivation.

2. Development of varieties for extending tomato yields and harvesting season using germplasm and other bio-techniques.

3. Disease and insect control, using natural harbicides and pathogens.

4. Development of technology to process and utilise other fruit and vegetables.

5. Varietal development through tissue culture.

Shifting of public sector undertakings

132. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Public Sector Undertakings had been asked by Government to shift from Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details of such undertakings and names of undertakings which have since been shifted; and

(c) what steps Government are contemplating to expedite the shifting of the remaining Undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) The Government have identified 25 public sector undertakings which could be shifted outside Delhi. The names of these undertakings are indicated in the Statement. (*See* below). The concerned Administrative Ministries have been asked to take necessary steps for shifting of these undertakings during the year 1991.